REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action issued August 26, 2010. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-7 and 14-22 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 14-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Ellis (US 2004/0102931).

The Claims Distinguish Patentably Over the References of Record

Claim 1 calls for determining a current location of one or more wireless medical monitors which are close to the patient network into which the medical monitor is to be integrated. That is, the locating occurs before integration into the network. The guidance functions set forth in paragraph [0023] referenced by the Examiner are performed after integration into the network.

Accordingly, it is submitted that **claim 1 and claims 2-6 and 15-22 dependent therefrom** distinguish patentably and unobviously over Ellis.

Claim 2 further calls for using a locating system which is connected with the care facility network. Ellis does not disclose a care facility network, much less a locating system as part of it.

Claim 3 calls for the locations to be determined by environmental detection. That is, claim 2 calls for a locating system and claim 3 calls for environmental detection. The Examiner glances over these two limitations without making a finding regarding which, if either, detection system is employed by Ellis.

Claim 7 calls for the medical apparatus to include an input device by which a caregiver inputs a query for locations of additional medical apparatus to be added to a selected patient network. Paragraph [0030] referenced by the Examiner indicates that a user may change configurations at a base station, control unit, or personal computer. However, this paragraph does not suggest an input device on a medical apparatus which can be used for locating nearby medical apparatuses.

Claim 7 further calls for a transceiver which communicates with the care facility network to find the locations of the additional medical apparatuses. The

guidance functions of paragraph [0023] referenced by the Examiner do not relate to locating additional apparatuses.

Claim 7 further calls for a display on which the locations are displayed. Ellis displays various functions, but there is no suggestion of displaying the locations of additional medical apparatuses.

Claim 7 further calls for the input device on the medical apparatus to enable integration. By distinction, paragraph [0030] calls for the configuration to be at a base station, control unit, or personal computer.

Claim 14 calls for an automatic integration process in which automatic integration occurs after the medical apparatus and the patient network have been brought into proximity and the medical apparatus remains in the same location for a predetermined time period. Paragraph [0030] referenced by the Examiner does not refer to automatic integration, but rather to automatically detecting a change in the network.

Substitute Drawings

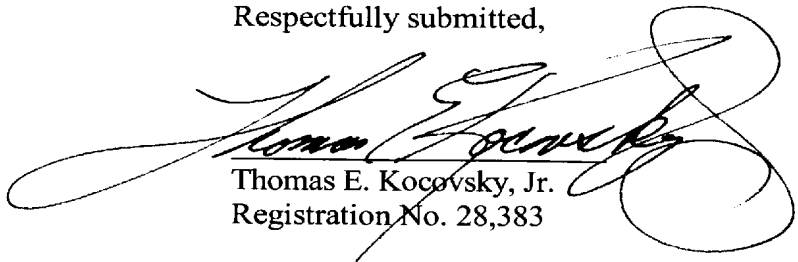
The applicant encloses two sheets of Replacement Drawings, with the boxes labeled as required by the Examiner. An early indication of the acceptability of these Replacement Drawings is requested.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 1-7 and 14-22 distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at 216.363.9000.

Respectfully submitted,



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